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SERIAL BANK ROBBER DUBBED "STRAW HAT BANDIT"
GETS A 3-YEAR AND 10-MONTH FEDERAL PRISON SENTENCE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlton this afternoon, sentenced MICHAEL EDWARD OSGOOD, 47, of Sacramento, to three years and 10 months in prison and three years of supervised release for a series of bank robberies.

The case is the product of an investigation by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Roseville Police Department, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, the task force dubbed the perpetrator the "straw hat bandit" because OSGOOD, a former groundskeeper for Roseville High School and, most recently, California Family Fitness, wore large brim straw hats during his robberies. OSGOOD was arrested on June 9, 2008 after he took flight from his robbery of the U.S. Bank located at 3320 Arden Way, Sacramento. In addition to that robbery, he pleaded guilty to robbing the Sterlent Credit Union, 2648 Watt Ave., Sacramento, on May 12, 2008, and the U.S. Bank, 2808 County Club, Stockton, Calif. on June 4, 2008.

As part of his plea agreement, OSGOOD admitted to committing four additional robberies as follows: Tri-Counties Bank, 4650 Natomas Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. on April 30, 2008; Wells Fargo Bank, 8870 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks, Calif. on May 16, 2008; Citibank, 436 Howe Ave., Sacramento, Calif. on May 21, 2008; and U.S. Bank, 5021 Laguna Blvd., Elk Grove, Calif. on May 24, 2008.

OSGOOD, who has already paid full restitution for all seven of his bank robberies, was taken into custody at the conclusion of today's hearing.

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